

Appl. No. 09/922,549
Reply to Office action of July 6, 2006

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and her primary Examiner for taking the time to discuss the subject case the morning of August 22, 2006. In summary, the discussion related to 35 USC 112 issues. Based on this discussion, applicant believes that newly submitted claims 217 to 260 are allowable.

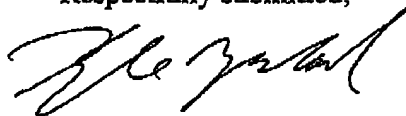
Claims 1 to 216 have been canceled without prejudice to subsequent revival in this application or in one or more related applications. New claims 217 to 260 have been added. The Abstract has been amended to more closely reflect the subject matter of the invention. The present amendment is believed to include no new matter.

The Examiner rejected the claims under 35USC§101, 35USC§112 and/or 35USC§103. Applicant traverses each of the rejections. However, applicant presents new claims for the purpose of advancing the case toward allowance and differences between the new claims and the previously pending claims should not be viewed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections.

If any issues remain to be addressed in this matter, which might be resolved by discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.

If a fee is required for this application, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such a fee from Deposit Account No. 501729. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

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